



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

April 24, 2020

The Honorable Sonny Perdue  
Secretary  
United States Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable William Barr  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue and Attorney General Barr,

I was pleased by the USDA announcement that there is an ongoing investigation into the state of the beef industry that will be expanded to include circumstances following the COV-19 outbreak. I urge you to work together to ensure that any anti-competitive behavior is identified and punished.

As you investigate the beef market and ongoing practices, I urge you to gather information from the membership of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Montana Cattlemen's and Cattlewomen's Associations, the Montana Farm Bureau Federation, the Montana Agri-Women and the Montana Farmer's Union. These organizations and their members can provide important first-hand information on pricing and practices that may be useful to your investigations.

I look forward to the completion of your investigations and ask that you please keep me updated. Thank you for attention to this matter and for your support of Montana's beef producers and the rule of law.

Sincerely,

Greg Gianforte  
Member of Congress